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CLINTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MAY, 1968

**Largest graduating class**

## Oates to Address PC Commencement

James F. Oates, Jr., chairman of the Board of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, will deliver the main address before Presbyterian's largest graduating class in history at the 88th Commencement on May 12.

The noted business leader will speak to some 136 graduating seniors, their parents and friends assembled for the final afternoon exercises in Belk Auditorium. He will be introduced by John A. Sibley, Atlanta attorney who serves as honorary board chairman of the Trust Company of Georgia.

This 1968 class breaks the record set in 1950, when 128 received diplomas.

The morning baccalaureate sermon is to be preached by the Rev. Thomas H. McDill, professor of pastoral care and counseling, Columbia Theological Seminary.

Both Oates and McDill have been designated by the PC board of trustees to receive honorary doctor of literature degrees during this Commencement program. An honorary doctor of humanities will be awarded Robert M. Vance, president of Clinton Mills and of M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers.

Commencement activity begins with the 11 a.m. baccalaureate sermon in Belk. The mid-day luncheon for seniors and their guests in Greenville Hall and a special luncheon for James F. Oates, Jr., will be followed by the president's reception at 2:30 and the 3:30 p.m. pre-commissioning ceremonies for ROTC cadets.

PC President Marc C. Weersing will preside over the final exercises starting at 4:15 p.m. Degrees, student honors and army commissions will be awarded at this time, with Trustee Chairman Eugene T. Wilson, pastor emeritus of Atlanta's Peachtree Presbyterian Church, making the degree presentations.

Speaker Oates is prominent in college and university circles as an articulate spokesman for business, as executive committee

chairman of the Princeton University board of trustees and as a life trustee of Northwestern University. Last year he delivered three McKinsey Foundation lectures at Columbia University which have been published as a book entitled *Business and Social Change*. He has been awarded nine honorary degrees.

He was an infantry officer in World War I, prior to graduation from Princeton and Northwestern law school. Oates later was a partner in the Chicago law firm of Sidley, Austin, Burgess & Harper, 1931-48, and chairman of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company in Chicago, 1948-57. Now, in addition to being chief executive officer of Equitable, he is a director of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Colgate-Palmolive Company, the First National Bank of Chicago, New York Telephone Company and the Brooklyn Union Gas Company. He has been engaged in numerous civic and philanthropic activities and is an elder in the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York City.

Thomas H. McDill, before joining the Columbia Seminary faculty, was minister of counseling with the Chicago Fourth Presbyterian Church and an instructor at the McCormick Theological

Seminary there. Earlier, he served as pastor of Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Russellville, Ark., and Atlanta, with four years as an army chaplain.

The baccalaureate preacher received his AB and BTh degrees from Erskine College, a BD from Columbia Seminary and MA from the University of Chicago. He presently is completing PhD work at Chicago.

Robert M. Vance, who will receive an honorary doctor in humanities degree, is recognized as one of the state's outstanding industrialists and bankers. He currently serves as president of the South Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association, was president of the South Carolina Bankers Association in 1963 and was for three years vice-president of the American Bankers Association for South Carolina.

Since taking over as president of the Bailey Bank in 1948 and Clinton Mills ten years later, he has completed large modernization and expansion programs.

Vance has coupled civic and religious leadership with his business enterprise. He is an elder in the Clinton First Presbyterian Church and a trustee of Thornwell Orphanage. Until rotated

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Oates



McDill



Vance





# Georgia Drive Boosted To One-Half Million

Two recent gifts amounting to almost \$100,000 give a boost to the Georgia campaign in behalf of PC and raise the subscription total to \$500,000.

In addition, the \$200,000 challenge grant from an anonymous foundation waits to be claimed. It will come to the College when \$1,300,000 has been raised. Efforts continue in various parts of this supporting synod to produce the approximately \$800,000 more needed to claim the challenge grant.

The two latest major gifts are in the form of a \$47,058 subscription from the Belk-Matthews Company Foundation of Macon, Ga., and an anonymous pledge from a generous Augusta, Ga., supporter.

Georgia's EPIC campaign, conducted the past two years for PC and other synod-supported agencies, thus far has awarded to Presbyterian College as its share \$223,756. While effort continues on this synod-wide approach, PC is permitted to make special approaches on its own in certain areas. This individual program is now getting underway in Augusta, Macon and Atlanta.

Meanwhile, the College remains in urgent need of these funds to help underwrite the cost of Georgia Hall men's dormitory and certain major plant renovations that are among the Georgia objectives.

## Special Education in Summer School

Three courses in special education are being added to the expanded curriculum of PC's 1968 summer school which recently announced inauguration of graduate-level education courses in cooperation with Clemson.

The three special education courses—"Psychology of Mental Retardation," "The Exceptional Child" and "Teaching the Mentally Retarded"—will be offered for either graduate or undergraduate credit and will count toward teacher-certification in special education as will the graduate course in "Organization and Supervision of Reading Programs."

Altogether Presbyterian College will offer in this summer school, for the first time, six courses for which graduate credit in education may be obtained. In addition, the summer curriculum will include 42 undergraduate courses in 14 departments.

The first term is scheduled for June 3-July 4; the second term, July 8-August 9.

## Memorial Gifts

Gifts to Presbyterian College serve fitting memorials to deceased loved ones. Recent memorials are listed below, along with the names of persons sending the gifts.

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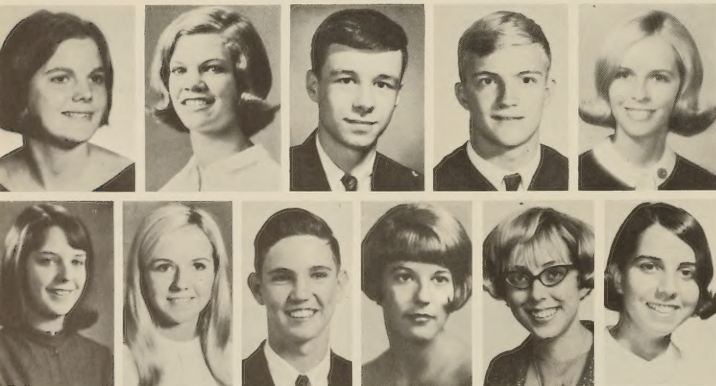
Mrs. Henry M. Young, Sr. and Family, Clinton, S. C.

## Honor Scholars

These 11 graduating high school seniors have been awarded Honor Scholarships to attend Presbyterian College. The grants, ranging up to \$7,200 for the four years of study, are made competitively each year to a select group of finalists. The 1968 winners, left to right:

First row—Mary Ellen Rankin of Myrtle Beach; Sara Brown of Hendersonville, N. C.; Elmer W. Hatcher, Jr., and Frampton W. Henderson, both of Aiken; and Elizabeth Lingle of Elberton, Ga.

Second row—Sophie Young of Clinton; Judith Bates of Pickens; William D. Brearley and Lela Beth Pratt, both of Columbia; Lenora Whelchel of Decatur, Ga.; and Mary Jane Nutting of Camden.







Alumni officers plan year's campaign:  
Frank Harrington, Furman Pinson, Jr.,  
Bill McSween and Sam Cornwell.

## Annual Giving Program Opens With Fastest Start

# Toward \$150,000 Goal for '68

**A**nual Giving has moved more than one-fourth the way toward its 1968 goal of \$150,000, with \$37,815 subscribed by 469 alumni, parents and friends as of May 1.

The pace is quicker than 1967's record year which produced a total \$135,575 from 1,465 contributors. You get the progress report in the box below. It shows South Carolina producing more than half of the total to date, led by District II (Greenville area) with \$5,530, District III (Spartanburg-Rock Hill area) with \$4,840 and District I (Clinton area) with \$4,504. North Carolina runs a fast second with \$7,822 from just 30 donors.

Three hundred and twelve alumni have given \$20,540 this year, while 157 friends and parents have added \$17,275. The sub-total for the Walter Johnson Club, alumni athletic organization, stands at \$5,741 toward its 1968 goal of \$42,500 as one of the main objectives of Annual Giving. Other objectives are funds for academic scholarships (including the Neill G. Whitelaw grant), faculty salary increases and departmental improvements.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of major emphasis on the Annual Giving program. Since it was reactivated in 1959, the project has produced a nine-year total of \$698,901 for Presbyterian College. New records have been set in each of the past five years.

The ambitious \$150,000 goal for 1968 was established by the alumni board of directors under President Furman B. Pinson, Jr. '33 of Greensboro, N. C.; and President-Elect William C. McSween '39 of Greenville, S. C. They pointed out that this amount represents the interest at 5 per-

cent on an invested endowment of \$3 million — truly a Living Endowment underwriting the progress of PC. It exceeds the annual return on the College's permanent endowment.

The directing board requested support from these three sources:

Alumni	\$75,000
Friends	60,000
Parents	15,000

As a guideline geographically, the directors set specific dollar goals for each South Carolina district and these objectives for the states:

South Carolina	\$75,000
North Carolina	25,000
Georgia	20,000
Other States	30,000

Personal solicitations are being

conducted in major areas in South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina. Mailings supplement these efforts and provide gift opportunities for those in other states.

## Commencement . . .

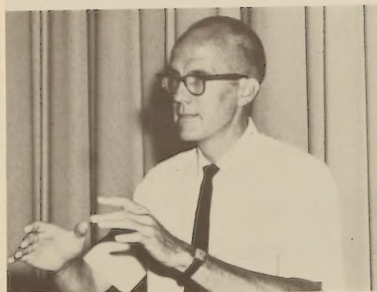
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off the board last year, he was a trustee of Presbyterian College. His ten years as chairman formed the longest tenure of any who have served and produced the most outstanding decade of achievement in PC history. After receiving his BS degree from Davidson College, Vance saw more than four years of Navy service before returning to Clinton to launch his career.

### Progress Report PC's 1968 ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM May 1, 1968

	Alumni		Parents	& Friends	Totals	
	Gifts	Amount	Gifts	Amount	Gifts	Amount
South Carolina						
District I	42	\$3,052	34	\$1,452	76	\$4,504
District II	55	2,070	22	3,460	77	5,530
District III	29	2,275	18	2,565	47	4,840
District IV	38	1,395	19	2,470	57	3,865
District V	16	987	8	1,024	24	2,011
District VI	16	640	6	480	22	1,120
South Carolina Totals	196	\$10,419	107	\$11,451	303	\$21,870
Georgia	40	\$ 2,529	29	\$ 2,213	69	\$ 4,742
North Carolina	24	\$ 5,847	6	\$ 1,975	30	\$ 7,822
Other States	52	\$ 1,745	15	\$ 1,636	67	\$ 3,381
TOTALS	312	\$20,540	157	\$17,275	469	\$37,815

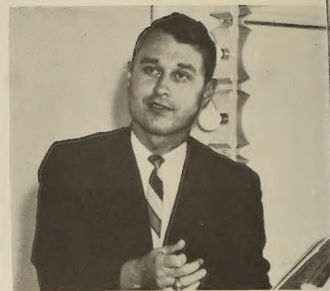
Walter Johnson Club Sub-Total: \$5,741 from 157 gifts



Gaines



Walker



Rains

## *Fine Arts Major Added to Curriculum*

**R**apid development in the fine arts at Presbyterian College is recognized with the addition of a major in this field, beginning with the 1968-69 session next fall.

Art, music and speech-drama are the three areas of concentration within the fine arts department from which a major may be chosen. Under provisions specified by the faculty academic advisory committee, students will take 21 to 24 hours of work in one of these areas and nine hours in one or both of the other areas. In addition, three hours in aesthetics and six hours in other adjacent fields approved by the adviser will be required for the major.

"An approach such as this will give students in this major a background in the arts compatible with the philosophy of a liberal arts degree," Dean Joseph M. Gettys said in making the announcement.

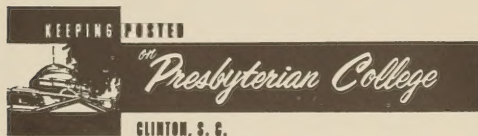
He said details were completed in cooperation with professors in the fine arts department who are enthusiastic over being able to offer a major to

students of unusual talent in this field. Dean Gettys added:

"The development and growth of this department has been remarkable. The inclusion of a fine arts major in the College's total program will enable PC more adequately to serve the needs of the people of our South Carolina and Georgia supporting synods as well as of other states."

Charles T. Gaines, assistant professor of music now completing work on his doctorate, serves as acting chairman of the fine arts department. He and Instructor Alan G. Cook have responsibility for the music area. Art is under the direction of Mrs. Mary Anne Pennington Walker; and speech-drama, under Instructor Dale O. Rains.

The fine arts department is the newest on campus, having been created in 1965 at the same time that PC inaugurated its program of full coeducation. The College had previously offered courses in art and music appreciation, some public speaking and extra-curricular student activity in choir and drama.



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